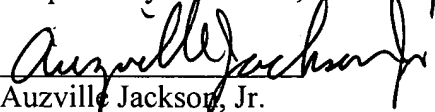


II. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

A. On page 2 of the subject application, amend paragraph 7) as shown below:

7) The interlocking system of the '010 patent, as a result of the outer front edges of an upper block contacting the interlocking step in the top surface of a lower row of blocks, is better suited to the construction of straight retaining walls. When used to construct a curved retaining wall the blocks of the '010 patent contact the lower tier of blocks on their outer bottom edges, which causes a large gap to form between the lower front edge of the block in an upper tier of blocks and the front lip of the blocks in the lower tier. This gap will widen and become excessive as the curved retaining wall is built higher, as the radius of curvature decreases with each successive layer. The '010 patent does mention that the block can be modified to form curved surfaces, but only shows a dotted line configuration and no embodiments are shown in the figures except for the dotted line suggestion.

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